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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

On June 21, 2019, I initiated a national Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer to seek your input and guidance as we develop an Opioid Grant Program.

In response to your requests for additional time to make informed comments on this issue, I am extending the August 1, 2019, comment submission deadline for the Opioid Grant Program Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer until **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**.

Please join us for an Information Session on this topic in conjunction with the 16th Annual Direct Service Tribes National Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This in-person and virtual event will be held on July 31, 2019, and hosted by the Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Behavioral Health (DBH), in partnership with the IHS Opioid Coordinating Group, and the Heroin, Opioids, and Pain Efforts (HOPE) Committee.

### **Opioid Grant Program Information Session Details**

- Join us IN-PERSON on Wednesday, July 31, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (ET).

ADDRESS: Albuquerque Marriott, Grand Ballroom, 2101 Louisiana Boulevard, North East, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Agenda is available online at the link that follows:

[https://www.ihs.gov/sites/dstnm/themes/responsive2017/display\\_objects/documents/DSTNMDraftAgenda.pdf](https://www.ihs.gov/sites/dstnm/themes/responsive2017/display_objects/documents/DSTNMDraftAgenda.pdf)

- Join us VIRTUALLY by CONFERENCE CALL on Wednesday, July 31, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.(MDT).

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**Your written comments will be accepted through Tuesday, September 3, 2019.**

Send comments by E-MAIL to:

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I look forward to your recommendations on developing the IHS Opioid Grant Program. If you need additional information, please contact Dr. Tamara James, Acting Director, DBH, IHS, by telephone at (301) 443-1872 or by e-mail at [tamara.james@ihs.gov](mailto:tamara.james@ihs.gov).

Sincerely,

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